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Governor again blocks money for Little Black Creek

LANSING — Despite the continued efforts of Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom to study the extent of pollution in Little Black Creek, the governor again vetoed funding Thursday for the Muskegon County project.

Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, said her line-item veto was disappointing but would continue his effort to seek money for the study. The governor previously has killed funding for the project that Van Woerkom worked to have inserted into state funding bills.

“Muskegon County has made great strides in cleaning up environmentally troubled areas,” Van Woerkom said. “While the governor has again set back the Little Black Creek project, I won’t let this drop.”

The study would have cost \$100,000 and would have looked at the troubled Little Black Creek. Last year, the Michigan Department of Community Health warned the public to be careful in dealing with floodplain soil near the creek and said the soil should be tested for contamination.

The legislation that had included the Little Black Creek funding was Senate Bill 242, now Public Act 153.

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